

Doorkeeper: "Attention, Members of the House of Representatives, the House will convene in fifteen minutes. Attention, Members of the House of Representatives, the House will convene in five minutes. All persons not entitled to the floor, please retire to the gallery."

Speaker Redmond: "House will come to order. Members please be in their seats. Be led in prayer by the Reverend Krueger, the House Chaplain."

Rev. Krueger: "In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen. O Lord, bless this House to Thy service this day. Amen. It was Samuel Johnson who said: 'Self-confidence is the first requisite for great undertakings.' Let us pray. Almighty God, we begin this day acknowledging our dependence upon Thee and with hearts that are grateful for the wealth of gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us. We have been called by Thee to serve the people of the State of Illinois as Members of the House of Representatives. We are thankful for this privilege and indebted to Thee for this honour. Help us, we pray Thee O God, to have a rightful understanding of our responsibility. Endue us with the necessary knowledge to fitfully accomplish our duties. Provide us that confidence we need to do only that which is concomitant to Thy purposes. This we ask that all our undertakings may be of unquestionable honour and for the good of all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Speaker Redmond: "Let the record show that Representative Geo-Karis and Representative Walsh are in the chamber and that's in the order of descending importance. Reading of the Journal."

Clerk O'Brien: "Journal for 112th Legislative... 111th Legislative Day, Wednesday, April 12, 1978. The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker in the Chair."

Speaker Redmond: "Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal and that Journals #111 and 112 of April 12 and April 13, 1978, be approved as read."

Speaker Redmond: "Is there any discussion? The question's on the Gentleman's motion that the reading of the Journals be dispensed with



and the Journals be approved. Those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The motion carried and the reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal is approved. Introduction, First Reading."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Bill 3258, McGrew. A Bill for an Act to abolish the Capital Stock Tax. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3259, E.M. Barnes. A Bill for an Act in relation to off-track pari-mutuel system of wagering on horse racing. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3260, Brady. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of an Act to provide for the fees of the Sheriff, Recorder of Deeds, County Clerk in counties of the 3rd Class. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3261, Peters. A Bill for an Act making appropriation to the Council on Nutrition. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3262, Geo-Karis-Matijevich. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Highway Code. First Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Redmond: "Mr. Clerk, is there an error on the Calendar on the Order of House Bills, Second Reading, First Legislative Day?"

Clerk O'Brien: "On House Bills, Second Reading, First Legislative Day, House Bills... House Bills 1973 and 2084 should appear on House Bills, Second Reading. They appeared on First Legislative Day last Friday."

Speaker Redmond: "The order is House Bills, Second Reading, Second Legislative Day. Appears House Bill 1973. 1973."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Bill 1973. A Bill for an Act to prohibit sex discrimination in educational institutions. First Reading of the Bill. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in Committee."

Speaker Redmond: "Are there any motions with respect to Committee Amendment on House Bill 1973?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No motions filed."

Speaker Redmond: "Third Reading. 2084. 2084, request for a fiscal note has been filed. The Order of Senate Bills, Second Reading appears Senate Bill 1518."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1518. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of an Act providing appropriations to the Joint Committee on



Legislative Information Systems. Second Reading of the Bill.  
No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Redmond: "Any Amendments from the floor?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Redmond: "Third Reading. Roll Call for attendance. On the Order of House Bills, Third Reading appears House Bill 2669. Representative Davis on the floor? Representative Matijevich. 2669."

Clerk O'Brien: "House..."

Speaker Redmond: "Does the Winnebago County delegation desire to hold a caucus outside of the chambers? The Order is House Bills, Third Reading. House Bill 2669."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Bill 2669. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Revenue Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Redmond: "Representative Jack Davis."

J. Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Last year in the Spring Session, House Bill..."

Speaker Redmond: "Please come to order. This is a very important Bill."

J. Davis: "Last year during the Spring Session, thank you, Mr. Speaker, House Bill 1212 was passed and signed into law in August by the Governor which allowed County Boards who adopted the accelerated taxing method to extend the tax delinquency date beyond March 1 to a date uncertain, but no later than June 1. The intent of that legislation was to allow those County Boards to have the accelerated taxing method at their September Board meeting or prior to that of that year to go ahead and make that adoption for acceleration and move the date if they so chose to do. There was a legislative oversight in House Bill 1212 and the effective date of the legislation was October 1 of last year. Consequently precluding any activities by those counties who chose to do that for 1977 taxes payable in 1978. As a result of that, Lake and Will Counties both adopted the accelerated taxing method in September of last year and extended that tax delinquency date because of an error in their own board decision. We are seeking with House Bill 2669, Representative Matijevich and myself, to



secure the validation and curative legislation as represented in 2669 to validate the action taken by those two Boards. This Bill affects Lake and Will Counties only and no other counties in the state. And I would solicit your favorable response in trying to answer any questions you might have as I'm sure Representative Matijevich will do."

Speaker Redmond: "Any further discussion? The question is, shall this Bill pass? Those in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. Have all voted who wished? The Clerk will take the record. On this question there's 137 'aye' and no 'nay' and the Bill having received the Constitutional Majority hereby declared passed. Representative Ryan, for what purpose do you rise?"

Ryan: "For the purpose of an introduction, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Redmond: "Proceed."

Ryan: "We have a former colleague here on the floor with us here next to Bill Walsh, our former colleague and House Member Bill Carroll, is with us today."

Speaker Redmond: "Didn't he go to the Senate?"

Ryan: "Yeah, but he came back."

Speaker Redmond: "Did he repent? Then he came back. Representative Collins, for what purpose do you rise? Is there any excused absences on the Republican side? Representative Ryan."

Ryan: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have Representative Jones for legislative business to be excused. Representative Molloy due to sickness. Representative Hudson due to sickness. And Representative Reed due to a death in the family."

Speaker Redmond: "Is there any objections? Hearing no objections, those absences will be marked as excused. Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle. Would the record show that Representative Matejek is excused because of his attendance at the Atomic Energy Commission in Omaha, and that Representative Katz is excused because of his attendance at the Legislative Conference regarding criminal justice in Washington?"

Speaker Redmond: "Is there any objections to those absences showing excused? Hearing no objection, the absences will be noted as



being excused. Representative Polk, Senate Bill 82, do you want that one called? Out of the record. Introduction and First Reading. Are those exempt?"

Clerk O'Brien: "House Bill 3263, Dan Houlihan. A Bill for an Act to defer the effective date of the applicability of the changes in Section 701 of the Illinois Income Tax Act. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3264, Porter. A Bill for an Act to provide for the exclusion of the Illinois Income Tax for certain disability and retirement benefits for the refund of tax collected thereon. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3265, Giorgi. A Bill for an Act making appropriation to the Department of Transportation. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3266, Catania. A Bill for an Act to amending various Acts to revise references to workmen to refer to workers. First Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Redmond: "Representative Madigan, the Order of Motions."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend Rule 18(b) to allow Committees to post notice of next week's Committee meetings with five and one-half days prior notice rather than six and one-half days because the meetings have been moved back one day."

Speaker Redmond: "Is there any discussion? The question is on the Gentleman's motion. All those in favor... Representative James Houlihan."

J. Houlihan: "Mr. Speaker, I believe the Majority Leader misspoke himself. The meetings, I believe, were moved up one day rather than moved back one day. And I think that the motion is in error and improperly placed."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, could we amend the motion on its face in accordance with Representative Houlihan's suggestion?"

Speaker Redmond: "Is there any objection to amending a motion on its face? Hearing no objection... is there any objection to the motion? Hearing no objection, we'll use the attendance Roll Call to show the adoption of the motion. Is there anybody in the chamber that has a Bill...position...that you want called now? We got three hundred Bills in Rules Committee and it's the intention of the Speaker to go to the Rules Committee and



stay there as long as it's humanly possible so that we can give everybody a chance to have their Bill heard. Is there any Member that has any Bill on the Calendar that they desire to have called? Representative Madigan. Looks like there's no business on the floor."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, are there any announcements?"

Speaker Redmond: "Are there any announcements? Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, just a point of inquiry. Does the Speaker intend to issue a Supplemental Calendar today?"

Speaker Redmond: "Have no... we're about ready to end it up to get to Rules."

Daniels: "Well, just as a point of information, I notice that the House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 1 which cleared the Executive Committee on Friday sponsored by Representative Wolf and myself does not appear on the Calendar. And I wonder if the Chair has an explanation why in a period of approximately five days we don't have it on the House Calendar for Second Reading."

Speaker Redmond: "The Clerk advises me the Committee Report came in after we adjourned Friday."

Daniels: "I understand that the Clerk's Office was going to be open though until... during the time the Committees were in Session."

Clerk O'Brien: "The Committee Report must be read on the House floor while we're in Session."

Daniels: "Has it now been read?"

Clerk O'Brien: "To be received by the House."

Daniels: "Has it been read now?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No, I have it now. It'll be read today."

Daniels: "And it'll appear on the Calendar tomorrow?"

Clerk O'Brien: "It'll be on the Calendar tomorrow."

Daniels: "Thank you."

Speaker Redmond: "Any further announcements or inquiries? Representative Madigan. May I admonish all of the Members of the Rules Committee to please attend the Rules Committee meeting immediately after adjournment. It's in Room 114. Representative Barnes, for what purpose do you rise?"

E. Barnes: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Just a brief announcement.



to all of the Democratic Members of the Appropriations II Committee. There will be a briefing tomorrow morning at ten o'clock in Room G3 in the State Office Building and I urge you to attend it. Ten o'clock tomorrow morning, G3, the Appropriations Committee II, Democratic Members."

Speaker Redmond: "Representative Pierce."

Pierce: "The House Revenue Committee is..."

Speaker Redmond: "Most important announcement."

Pierce: "The House Revenue Committee has an important meeting today.

We have personal property tax replacement and other emergency matters before us. We're meeting at two p.m. in Room 118, so I hope all Members will be in attendance at the House Revenue Committee starting at two p.m. in Room 118 today."

Speaker Redmond: "Representative Matijeich."

Matijeich: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Appropriations I, Democratic Members, we're going to meet in the morning for a briefing in G1. We're going to try to do it a little different this year and stick together. And because Roscoe Cunningham lost for Congress, he may even help us now and then he said. So, G1, nine o'clock in the morning for a briefing, Appropriation I, Democrats."

Speaker Redmond: "Any further announcements? Representative Ryan."

Ryan: "Mr. Speaker, we have with us today the Crete-Monee School District 201 with Jim Hill as President and John Savage as the Superintendent from the 42nd District represented by Representatives Davis, Leinenweber and Van Duyne. They're in the back balcony here."

Speaker Redmond: "Anything further? Representative James Taylor."

Taylor: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. The Committee on Cities and Villages will meet promptly at two p.m. We have a very important Bill to discuss."

Speaker Redmond: "Representative Ryan."

Ryan: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to suspend the posting rules so the following Bills could be heard in Rules Committee this week. House Bill 2896... House Bill 2896, House Bill 3223, 3224, 3225, 3227, 3228, 3229 and House Bills 3236 through 3257."



Speaker Redmond: "Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, these Bills being offered by Representative Ryan basically constitute authorizations to Departments to effectuate land transfers. I would support Mr. Ryan's motion."

Speaker Redmond: "Is there any further discussion? The question is on Representative... Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "I wonder if it would be possible to know to whom we are giving land away or are we selling it?"

Speaker Redmond: "Representative Ryan."

Ryan: "These are all easements from the Department of Transportation, Representative Skinner, for various districts."

Skinner: "All being sold at fair market value?"

Ryan: "Pardon?"

Skinner: "Are they all being sold at fair market value?"

Ryan: "I assume that's correct?"

Speaker Redmond: "Are there any transfers to the R.T.A.?"

Skinner: "See, he won't answer the questions. Thank you."

Speaker Redmond: "Question's on the Gentleman's motion. Those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, the motion carries. Okay, okay. Representative Madigan, for a motion. I understand the Clerk needs about fifteen minutes pe-funct in order to accept introduction of Bills. Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, I request leave of the House to change the Sponsorship of House Bill 3044 from myself to Representative Terzich. This Bill would affect the Municipal Pension Fund of Chicago. The staff inadvertently listed myself as the Sponsor and I would request leave of the House that Representative Terzich be shown as the Sponsor of House Bill 3044 rather than myself."

Speaker Redmond: "Is there any objection? Hearing none, leave is granted. Sponsorship will be changed. Representative Cunningham."

Cunningham: "Mr. Speaker, all Republican sinner Members of Appropriations I who are not going to the Prayer Breakfast in the morning are reminded there is a free breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the staff room. Please come. If you're going to be there, call 5530 and confirm. Free breakfast for all sinner Republican Appropriation I



Members."

Speaker Redmond: "Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn until twelve o'clock tomorrow morning. And by way of announcement, the Rules Committee will meet immediately."

Speaker Redmond: "Any discussion? The question's on... we need fifteen minutes Perfunctory."

Madigan: "The motion is so amended."

Speaker Redmond: "The question's on the Gentleman's motion that after a fifteen minute Perfunctory Session, that the House adjourns. Those in favor indicate by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, the motion carried. The House now stands adjourned subject to fifteen minute Perfunctory for the Introduction and First Reading. Noon tomorrow. Will the Members of the Rules Committee please go to Room 114? Right now... right now! We want to take good care of Ryan's ethics. We have more than one session."

Clerk O'Brien: "Introduction and First Reading of Bills. House Bill 3267, Schoeberlein. A Bill for an Act to create the Illinois Commission on Labor Laws and define its powers and duties. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3268, Schoeberlein. A Bill for an Act to make an appropriation to the Illinois Commission on Labor Laws. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3269, Lucco. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Park District Code. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3270, Stuffle. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of an Act to make an appropriation to the Illinois State Scholarship Commission. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3271, Richmond. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the River Conservancy District Act. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3272, Porter. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Insurance Code. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3273, Brady. A Bill for an Act to amend the Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act. First Reading of the Bill. Committee Reports. Representative Capparelli, Chairman of the Committee on Executive, to which the following Bills and Resolutions were referred; action taken April 14, 1978. Reported the same back with the



following recommendations: do pass Constitutional Amendments #3, 18, 36, 41, 44 and 45; do not pass Constitutional Amendment #6; do pass as amended Constitutional Amendment #1; do not pass as amended House Bill 1701; be adopted House Resolution 478 and House Joint Resolution 72. The Clerk's desk will be open for ten more minutes for the Introduction of Bills. if anybody has a Bill to get in today."

Clerk Hall: "Introduction of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49, Beatty. Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the 80th General Assembly, the State of Illinois, the Senate concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least six months after the adoption of this Resolution, a proposition to amend Sections 6 and 7 of Article VII of the Constitution to read as follows: Article VII, Section 6. Powers of Home Rule Units. (a) A county which has a chief executive officer elected by electors of a county and any municipality which has a population of more than 25,000 are home rule units. Other municipalities may elect by referendum to become home rule units. Except as limited by this Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs including, but not limited to, the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare; to license; to tax; and to incur debt. (b) A home rule unit by referendum may elect not to be a home rule unit. (c) If a home rule county ordinance conflicts with an ordinance of a municipality, the municipal ordinance shall prevail within its jurisdiction. (d) A home rule unit does not have the power (1) to incur debt payable from ad valorem property tax receipts maturing more than 40 years from the time it is incurred or (2) to define and provide for the punishment of a felony. (e) A home rule unit shall have only the power that the General Assembly may provide by (1) to punish by imprisonment for more than six months or (2) to license for revenue or impose taxes upon or measured by income or earnings or upon occupations. (f) A home rule unit shall have the power subject



to approval by referendum to adopt, alter or repeal a form of government provided by law, except that the form of government of Cook County shall be subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Article. A home rule municipality shall have the power to provide for its officers, their manner of selection and terms of office only as approved by referendum or as otherwise authorized by law. A home rule county may suspend or abate ad valorem property taxes subject to limitations established by law by the General Assembly, and shall have the power to provide for its officers, their manner of selection and terms of office in the manner set forth in Section 4 of this Article. (g) The General Assembly by a law approved by the vote of three-fifths of the Members elected to each House may deny or limit the power to tax and any other power or function of a home rule unit not exercised or performed by the state other than a power or function specified in subsection (l) of this Section. (h) The General Assembly may provide specifically by law for the exclusive exercise by the state of any power or function of a home rule unit other than a taxing power or a power or function specified in subsection (l) of this Section. (i) Home rule units may exercise and perform concurrently with the state any power or function of a home rule unit to the extent that the General Assembly by law does not specifically limit the concurrent exercise or specifically declare the State's exercise to be exclusive. (j) The General Assembly may limit by law the amount of debt which home rule counties may incur and may limit by law approved by three-fifths of the Members elected to each House the amount of debt, other than debt payable from ad valorem property tax receipts, which home rule municipalities may incur. (k) The General Assembly may limit by law the amount and require referendum approval of debt to be incurred by home rule municipalities, payable from ad valorem property tax receipts, only in excess of the following percentages of the assessed value of its taxable property: (1) if its population is 500,000 or more, an aggregate of three percent; (2) if its population is more than 25,000 and less than 500,000, an aggregate of of one percent;



and (3) if its population is 25,000 or less, an aggregate of one-half percent. Indebtedness which is outstanding on the effective date of this Constitution or which is thereafter approved by referendum or assumed from another unit of local government shall not be included in the foregoing percentage amounts.

(1) The General Assembly may not deny or limit the power of home rule units (1) to make local improvements by special assessment and to exercise this power jointly with other counties and municipalities, and other classes of units of local government having that power on the effective date of this Constitution unless that power is subsequently denied by law to any such other units of local government or (2) to levy or impose additional taxes upon areas within their boundaries in the manner provided by law for the provision of special services to those areas and for the payment of debt incurred in order to provide those special services. (m) Powers and functions of home rule units shall be construed liberally. Section 7. Counties and Municipalities Other Than Home Rule Units. Counties and municipalities which are not home rule units shall have only powers granted to them by law and the powers (1) to make local improvements by special assessment and to exercise this power jointly with other counties and municipalities, and other classes of units of local government having that power on the effective date of this Constitution unless that power is subsequently denied by law to any such other units of local government; (2) by referendum, to adopt, alter or repeal their forms of government provided by law; (3) in the case of municipalities, to provide by referendum for their officers, manner of selection and terms of office; (4) in the case of counties, to suspend or abate ad valorem property taxes subject to limitations established by law by the General Assembly, and to provide for their officers, manner of selection and terms of office as provided in Section 4 of this Article; (5) to incur debt except as limited by law and except that debt payable from ad valorem property tax receipts shall mature within 40 years from the time it is incurred; and (6) to levy or impose additional taxes upon areas within their



boundaries in the manner provided by law for the provision of special services to those areas and for the payment of debt incurred in order to provide those special services. Schedule. This Amendment to Sections 6 and 7 of Article VII takes effect upon its approval by the electors of this State. First Reading of the Constitutional Amendment. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3274, Leverenz. A Bill for an Act to amend the Public Community College Act. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3275, Leverenz. A Bill for an Act to create the Retailer's Occupation Tax Return Preparer's Registration Act. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3276, McBroom-Ryan. A Bill for an Act to make an appropriation to the Department of Transportation. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3277, Peters. A Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Controlled Substance Act. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 3278, Geo-Karis. A Bill for an Act to create in the Division of Energy in the Department of Business and Economic Development a Board for Energy Efficient Building Standards and Codes. First Reading of the Bill. There being no further business, the House stands adjourned until twelve o'clock noon tomorrow."



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 17  
4 EIGHTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE 18  
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to 19  
6 the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the  
7 general election next occurring at least six months after the 20  
8 adoption of this resolution, a proposition to amend Sections 21  
9 6 and 7 of Article VII of the Constitution to read as 22  
10 follows:

11 ARTICLE VII 25

12 Section 6. Powers of Home Rule Units 27

13 (a) A County which has a chief executive officer elected 29  
14 by the electors of the county and any municipality which has 30  
15 a population of more than 25,000 are home rule units. Other 31  
16 municipalities may elect by referendum to become home rule 32  
17 units. Except as limited by this Section, a home rule unit  
18 may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to 33  
19 its government and affairs including, but not limited to, the 34  
20 power to regulate for the protection of the public health, 35  
21 safety, morals and welfare; to license; to tax; and to incur 36  
22 debt.

23 (b) A home rule unit by referendum may elect not to be a 38  
24 home rule unit.

25 (c) If a home rule county ordinance conflicts with an 40  
26 ordinance of a municipality, the municipal ordinance shall 41  
27 prevail within its jurisdiction.

28 (d) A home rule unit does not have the power (1) to incur 43  
29 debt payable from ad valorem property tax receipts maturing 44  
30 more than 40 years from the time it is incurred or (2) to 45  
31 define and provide for the punishment of a felony.

32 (e) A home rule unit shall have only the power that the 47  
33 General Assembly may provide by law (1) to punish by 48  
34 imprisonment for more than six months or (2) to license for 49

1 revenue or impose taxes upon or measured by income or 50  
2 earnings or upon occupations.

3 (f) A home rule unit shall have the power subject to 52  
4 approval by referendum to adopt, alter or repeal a form of 53  
5 government provided by law, except that the form of 54  
6 government of Cook County shall be subject to the provisions  
7 of Section 3 of this Article. A home rule municipality shall 55  
8 have the power to provide for its officers, their manner of 56  
9 selection and terms of office only as approved by referendum 57  
10 or as otherwise authorized by law. A home rule county may 58  
11 suspend or abate ad valorem property taxes subject to  
12 limitations established by law by the General Assembly, and 59  
13 shall have the power to provide for its officers, their 60  
14 manner of selection and terms of office in the manner set  
15 forth in Section 4 of this Article. 61

16 (g) The General Assembly by a law approved by the vote of 63  
17 three-fifths of the members elected to each house may deny or 64  
18 limit the power to tax and any other power or function of a 65  
19 home rule unit not exercised or performed by the State other 66  
20 than a power or function specified in subsection (l) of this  
21 Section.

22 (h) The General Assembly may provide specifically by law 68  
23 for the exclusive exercise by the State of any power or 69  
24 function of a home rule unit other than a taxing power or a 70  
25 power or function specified in subsection (l) of this  
26 Section.

27 (i) Home rule units may exercise and perform concurrently 72  
28 with the State any power or function of a home rule unit to 73  
29 the extent that the General Assembly by law does not 74  
30 specifically limit the concurrent exercise or specifically  
31 declare the State's exercise to be exclusive. 75

32 (j) The General Assembly may limit by law the amount of 77  
33 debt which home rule counties may incur and may limit by law 78  
34 approved by three-fifths of the members elected to each house 79  
35 the amount of debt, other than debt payable from ad valorem 80

1 property tax receipts, which home rule municipalities may 80  
2 incur. 81

3 (k) The General Assembly may limit by law the amount and 82  
4 require referendum approval of debt to be incurred by home 83  
5 rule municipalities, payable from ad valorem property tax 84  
6 receipts, only in excess of the following percentages of the 85  
7 assessed value of its taxable property: (1) if its 86  
8 population is 500,000 or more, an aggregate of three percent; 87  
9 (2) if its population is more than 25,000 and less than 88  
10 500,000, an aggregate of one percent; and (3) if its 89  
11 population is 25,000 or less, an aggregate of one-half 90  
12 percent. Indebtedness which is outstanding on the effective 91  
13 date of this Constitution or which is thereafter approved by 92  
14 referendum or assumed from another unit of local government 93  
15 shall not be included in the foregoing percentage amounts. 94

16 (l) The General Assembly may not deny or limit the power 95  
17 of home rule units (1) to make local improvements by special 96  
18 assessment and to exercise this power jointly with other 97  
19 counties and municipalities, and other classes of units of 98  
20 local government having that power on the effective date of 99  
21 this Constitution unless that power is subsequently denied by 100  
22 law to any such other units of local government or (2) to 101  
23 levy or impose additional taxes upon areas within their 102  
24 boundaries in the manner provided by law for the provision of 103  
25 special services to those areas and for the payment of debt 104  
26 incurred in order to provide those special services. 105

27 (m) Powers and functions of home rule units shall be 106  
28 construed liberally. 107

29 Section 7. Counties and Municipalities Other Than Home Rule 108  
30 Units 109

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34 exercise this power jointly with other counties and 113  
35 municipalities, and other classes of units of local 114

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 2 Constitution unless that power is subsequently denied by law 113  
 3 to any such other units of local government; (2) by 114  
 4 referendum, to adopt, alter or repeal their forms of  
 5 government provided by law; (3) in the case of 115  
 6 municipalities, to provide by referendum for their officers, 116  
 7 manner of selection and terms of office; (4) in the case of 117  
 8 counties, to suspend or abate ad valorem property taxes  
 9 subject to limitations established by law by the General 118  
 10 Assembly, and to provide for their officers, manner of 119  
 11 selection and terms of office as provided in Section 4 of  
 12 this Article; (5) to incur debt except as limited by law and 120  
 13 except that debt payable from ad valorem property tax 121  
 14 receipts shall mature within 40 years from the time it is 122  
 15 incurred; and (6) to levy or impose additional taxes upon 123  
 16 areas within their boundaries in the manner provided by law  
 17 for the provision of special services to those areas and for 124  
 18 the payment of debt incurred in order to provide those 125  
 19 special services.

SCHEDULE

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 21 This amendment to Sections 6 and 7 of Article VII takes 126  
 22 effect upon its approval by the electors of this State. 127

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| 1           | 1:00        | Speaker Redmond  | House to order                                    |           |
|             |             | Reverend Krueger | Prayer  |           |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond  |   |           |
|             |             | Clerk O'Brien    | Reading of the Journal                            |           |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond  |   |           |
|             |             | Madigan          | Move to dispense with reading of the Journal      |           |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond  |   |           |
| 2           |             | Clerk O'Brien    | Introduction and 1st Reading                      |           |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond  | Question  |           |
|             |             | Clerk O'Brien    |   |           |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond  |   |           |
|             |             | Clerk O'Brien    | H.B. 1973, 2nd Reading                            |           |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond  |   |           |
|             |             | Clerk O'Brien    | S.B. 1518, 2nd Reading<br>No Committee Amendments |           |
| 3           |             | Speaker Redmond  | 3rd Reading<br>Roll Call for Attendance           |           |
|             |             | Clerk O'Brien    | H.B. 2669, 3rd Reading                            |           |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond  |   |           |
|             |             | J. Davis         | Sponsor   |           |
| 4           |             | Speaker Redmond  | Passed  |           |
|             |             | Ryan             | Introduction                                      |           |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond  |   |           |
|             |             | Ryan             | Excused absences                                  |           |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond  |   |           |
|             | 1:19        | Madigan          | Excused absences                                  |           |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond  |   |           |



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| 5           |             | Clerk O'Brien   | Introduction and 1st Reading |    |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond |                              |    |
|             |             | Madigan         | Move to suspend Rule 18(b)   |    |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond |                              |    |
|             |             | J. Houlihan     | Question                     |    |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond |                              |    |
|             |             | Madigan         |                              |    |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond | Amend on its face            |    |
| 6           |             | Madigan         |                              |    |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond |                              |    |
|             |             | Daniels         | Point of inquiry             |    |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond | Discussion                   |    |
|             |             | Clerk O'Brien   |                              |    |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond |                              |    |
|             |             | E.M. Barnes     | Announcement                 |    |
| 7           |             | Speaker Redmond |                              |    |
|             |             | Pierce          | Announcement                 |    |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond |                              |    |
|             | 1:27        | Matijevich      | Announcement                 |    |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond |                              |    |
|             |             | Ryan            | Announcement                 |    |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond |                              |    |
|             |             | Taylor          | Announcement                 |    |
|             |             | Speaker Redmond |                              |    |
|             |             | Ryan            | Move to suspend rules        |    |
| 8           |             | Speaker Redmond |                              |    |
|             |             | Madigan         | Supports motion              |    |



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|                   |             | Skinner         | Question  |    |
|                   |             | Ryan            | Discussion  |    |
|                   |             | Speaker Redmond | Motion carries  |    |
|                   |             | Madigan         | Leave to change Sponsors<br>on H.B. 3044                                |    |
|                   |             | Speaker Redmond | Leave granted   |    |
|                   |             | Cunningham      |   |    |
| 9                 |             | Speaker Redmond |   |    |
|                   |             | Madigan         | Adjourned till noon, April 20   |    |
|                   |             | Speaker Redmond | Clerk needs fifteen minutes   |    |
|                   |             | Clerk O'Brien   |   |    |
| 10, 11,<br>12, 13 |             | Clerk Hall      | Perfunctory Session<br>Introduction and 1st Reading<br>House adjourned. |    |



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